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1. SUMMARY: TEN-MAN ROMANIAN DELEGATION ARRIVED QUITO JANUARY 17 AND MIXED COMMISSION HELD FIRST SESSION SAME DAY. ROMANIAN CHARGE EXPRESSED PRIVATE MISGIVINGS ABOUT JOINT VENTURE WITH GOE. END SUMMARY.

2. ROMANIAN DELEGATION OF TEN PETROLEUM EXPERTS HEADED BY ANTON GHEORGHE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MINES, PETROLEUM, AND GEOLOGY, ARRIVED IN QUITO JANUARY 17. ECUADOR-ROMANIAN MIXED COMMISSION ON PETROLEUM HELD FIRST SESSION ON SAME DAY. MIXED COMMISSION ELECTED AS PRESIDENT RODRIGO CABEZAS, LEFTIST ADVISOR OF MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ESTABLISHED FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES. THE SUB-COMMITTEES WILL STUDY THE PROPOSED LPG PLANT USING GAS FROM THE TEXACO-GULF

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SHUSHUFINDI OIL FIELD; DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BERMEJO AND (AS PREFEASIBILITY STUDY) TIVACUNO STRUCTURES;

EXPLORATION OF COASTAL PROVINCES; AND PROPOSALS FOR PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRY. FIFTH IS DRAFTING SUB-COMMITTEE.

3. TWO ROMANIAN PETROLEUM ENGINEERS, RADU GEORGESEU AND CONSTANTIN NICOLAIE, HIRED BY GOE TO SERVE IN MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ARRIVED IN PAST SEVERAL DAYS. THEY ARE CONTRACTED FOR MINIMUM OF THREE MONTHS AS ADVISORS IN HYDRO-CARBONS DEPOSITS AND REFINING ECONOMICS. GOE IS PAYING SALARIES AND ROUND-TRIP AIR FARE FROM BUCHAREST.

4. AT RECENT SOCIAL FUNCTION, ROMANIAN CHARGE REVEALED GLIMPSE OF SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT PETROLEUM ARRANGEMENT TO AMBASSADOR. COMMENTING ON GOE DECISION TO PURCHASE 25 PERCENT OF TEXACO-GULF FOUR YEARS BEFORE AUGUST 1973 CONTRACT WOULD ALLOW, ROMANIAN CHARGE REMARKED THAT HE WONDERED HOW HIS OWN COUNTRY'S AGREEMENT WOULD FARE.
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